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INTRODUCTION

The Twenty-Second Annual International Workshop on Human Subjects for Biomechanical Research met in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on 30 October 1994. The Workshop began at 9:00 in the morning and continued until 4:30 pm. There were 12 oral presentations. One hundred and thirty-two people attended the Workshop.

I acknowledge the Stapp Conference Advisory Committee for its support, and Mr. Mone Asensio and Ms. Cynthia Geisler of the SAE for coordinating the meeting room assignment and providing audiovisual support. I add that the Workshop papers are neither sanctioned nor approved by the Stapp Car Crash Conference Advisory Committee. Presenters at the Workshop should not allude to the Stapp Car Crash Conference during the introduction of their presentation.

Ms. Thuvan T. Nguyen, Ms. Lori Keenan, and Mr. Matthew Maltese from Conrad Technologies, Inc. helped with preparing for the Workshop and publishing these Proceedings.

Please consider papers appearing in these Proceedings as workshop or non-formal publications, i.e., do not reference the Workshop Proceedings in the open literature. These papers have not been screened for accuracy nor have they been refereed by any body of scientific peers.

At the Fort Lauderdale Workshop, you--the attendees--took part in many animated and concerned discussions following the presentations. You, the participants, are helping maintain a suitable atmosphere about the Workshop for the free exchange of ideas.

We will hold our coming Workshop meeting, the Twenty-Third, in Coronado, California on Tuesday 7 November 1995. Please plan on attending.

With your help, we altered the focus of the Workshop for the Fort Lauderdale meeting. We were able to solicit presentations that explained recent innovations or difficulties in human cadaver transducer installation and human cadaver impact test methodology. The papers about mathematical simulations or dummy tests were oriented toward preparing for biomechanical tests with human cadavers or examining the ramifications of previous human subject experiments. At the Coronado Workshop, we hope to continue this emphasis on biomechanical investigation using human cadavers.

Dr. Janusz Kajzer, of the Department of Injury Prevention at the Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden, was co-chair of the Twenty-Second Workshop. He presided over the afternoon session for the Fort Lauderdale Workshop. Dr. Kajzer suggests that we need to improve our communication with our overseas colleagues. In preparing for the Coronado Workshop, Dr. Kajzer and I will concentrate on expanding and improving communications with those in the biomechanical community outside of the USA.

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